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GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF PALMDALE SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. John E. Allen of Palmdale, CA:

"Sergeant Allen's ceaseless determination to defend the liberties of Americans will not be forgotten. John has left his family with an honorable legacy of safeguarding the rights for which our nation stands. Maria and I extend our heartfelt condolences to this brave soldier's family, friends and loved ones."

Allen, 25, died March 17 as a result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, TX.

In honor of Sgt. Allen, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



March 20, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF TWENTYNINE PALMS MARINE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Harry H. Timberman of Minong, WI:

"Maria and I join all Californians in expressing our gratitude for Lance Corporal Timberman's noble sacrifice. Harry served with profound patriotism to protect and preserve our nation's cherished way of life. We offer our prayers for his family's healing as they cope with this painful loss."

Timberman, 20, died March 17 as a result of injuries sustained while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

In honor of Lance Cpl. Timberman, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



March 20, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF PASADENA SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Adam J. Rosema of Pasadena, CA:

"Specialist Rosema fought for our country with tremendous resolve. Adam's extraordinary dedication exemplified the loyalty and honor that makes our nation great. Maria and I offer our thoughts and prayers to Adam's family during this difficult time."

Rosema, 27, died March 14 as a result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during recovery operations south of Baqubah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

In honor of Spc. Rosema, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



March 20, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF BAKERSFIELD SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Alberto Garcia Jr. of Bakersfield, CA:

"Private First Class Garcia lost his life in his pursuit to deliver freedom to the oppressed. Alberto honorably served our nation with bravery and selflessness. Maria and I pray for Alberto's family, friends and fellow soldiers as they mourn the loss of a loved one."

Garcia, 23, died March 13 as a result of injuries sustained when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire and an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

In honor of Pfc. Garcia, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



March 20, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF SAN DIEGO SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Stephen

M. Kowalczyk of San Diego, CA:

"Specialist Kowalczyk's noble efforts to help preserve freedom and democracy will not be forgotten. Stephen's courageous patriotism is an inspiration to all Californians. Maria and I offer our deepest condolences to Stephen's family and loved ones during this difficult time."

Kowalczyk, 32, died March 14 as a result of injuries sustained when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire in Muqdadiyah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

In honor of Spc. Kowalczyk, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



March 20, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CAMP PENDLETON MARINE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Steven M. Chavez of Hondo, NM:

"Our nation's troops courageously dedicate themselves to preserving our country's liberties. Lance Corporal Chavez valiantly battled to keep our way of life a beacon of hope for all who seek freedom. Maria and I offer our sincere condolences to Steven's family and loved ones."

Chavez, 20, died March 14 as a result of injuries sustained from a non-hostile incident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

In honor of Lance Cpl. Chavez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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